

hand of cooperation than you do shaking a clenched fist. That's what this is about.

Now, if they do something that's terrible that we're offended by, we don't give up a single right here to suspend our trade relations or do anything else that any emergency conditions might dictate. All we're doing is saying we'd like to build a future with you if you're willing to do it. And we're prepared to work over the long run.

I thank you for coming here today. I ask you to recognize that this is not a foregone conclusion. I believe it is by far the most important national security vote that Congress will cast this year. And if you can do anything as an American citizen, as well as Minnesota farmers, to help us prevail, you'd be doing a great thing for our grandchildren.

Thank you, and God bless you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 2:35 p.m. in the barnyard at the Hauer Farm. In his remarks, he referred to farmers Terry Hauer, his wife Kitty and father Gene; Dallas Bohnsack, chair, Scott County Board of Commissioners, who introduced the President; former Secretary of Agriculture Robert Bergland, member, University of Minnesota Board of Regents; Scott Shearer, director of national relations, Farmland Government Relations; Nick Giordano, international trade counsel, National Pork Producers Council; Susan Keith, senior director of public policy, National Corn Growers Association; President-elect Chen Shui-ban of Taiwan; and Mayor Jon Brekke of Shakopee, MN, and his wife, Barb, and their daughter, Maria.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

May 6

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Fayetteville, AR.

May 7

In the morning, the President and Hillary Clinton traveled to Little Rock, AR, and in the evening, they returned to Washington, DC.

May 8

In the morning, the President traveled to New York City to attend funeral services for John Cardinal O'Connor at Saint Patrick's Cathedral.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President has invited President Thabo Mbeki of South Africa for a state visit on May 22.

May 9

The President announced his intention to nominate Marjorie Ransom to be Ambassador to Yemen.

The President announced his intention to appoint Jerome A. Stricker as a member of the Advisory Committee to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

The White House announced that the President will meet with President Fernando de la Rúa of Argentina on June 13 in the Oval Office.

May 10

The President announced his intention to appoint Eva S. Teig as U.S. Representative to the Southern States Energy Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint Charles (Chuck) Yancura as a member of the Advisory Council of the Border Environment Cooperation Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint John R. Roderick as a member of the Arctic Research Commission.

The President declared an emergency in New Mexico and order Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe fire threats on May 10 and continuing.

May 12

In the morning, the President traveled to Akron, OH, and in the afternoon, he traveled to Shakopee, MN. Later, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate Pamela E. Bridgewater to be Ambassador to Benin.

The President announced the nomination of Barry E. Carter to be Assistant Administrator, Bureau of Global Programs, Field Support, and Research at the U.S. Agency for International Development.

The President announced his intention to nominate Thomas L. Garthwaite to be Under Secretary for Health for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted May 8

Owen James Sheaks,
of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Executive Service, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (verification and compliance) (new position).

Submitted May 9

Paul C. Huck,
of Florida, to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, vice Kenneth L. Ryskamp, retired.

Marjorie Ransom,
of the District of Columbia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Yemen.

Submitted May 11

Barry Edward Carter,
of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, vice Sally A. Shelton.

John W. Darrah,
of Illinois, to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, vice George M. Marovich, retired.

Joan Humphrey Lefkow,
of Illinois, to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, vice Ann C. Williams, elevated.

Ricardo Morado,
of Texas, to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, vice Filamon B. Vela, retired.

Michael J. Reagan,
of Illinois, to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois, vice an additional position created December 10, 1999, pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. 372(b).

George Z. Singal,
of Maine, to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Maine, vice Morton A. Brody, deceased.

Mark S. Wrighton,
of Missouri, to be a member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2006, vice Robert M. Solow, term expired.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released May 8

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing a state visit of President Thabo Mbeki of South Africa on May 22

List of attendees of the President's meeting with organizers of the Million Mom March

Released May 9

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Joe Lockhart

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that President Fernando de la Rúa will meet with the President in the Oval Office on June 13

Transcript of a May 8 interview of Chief of Staff John Podesta and Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman by members of the National Association of Farm Broadcasters